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Serial No.: 09/822,126 Examiner: Manahan, Todd E.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT and AMENDMENT

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 13-16 and 66.